THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The details of Chinese delegation which visited India during September, 2005 are as under:

1. A 14-member delegation led by Mr. Luo Bingsheng, Executive Vice Chairman of China Iron & Steel Association (CISA) visited India from 19-27th September, 2005 to interact with major iron ore producers and discuss issues concerning future cooperation.
2. A 50-member delegation led by Mr. Yan Bangsong, Vice Chairman of China Chamber of Commerce of Metals Minerals & Chemical Importers & Exporters (CCCMC), visited India from 20th Sept. to Oct. 1st, 2005 to discuss *inter-alia* issues like Chinese iron ore import condition, Indian iron ore production, export conditions, Indian investment policy for iron ore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The visits were exploratory in nature to mutually understand import and export operations of iron ore in each other's country.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.

Target for exporting steel

†1956. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for exporting steel from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether production of steel will have to be increased in the country to meet this target;

(d) if so, the quantum of production to be increased against the present production; and

(e) the annual rate of production fixed for this?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

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